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Dear Tom:

I just remembered a detail I forgot to emphasize in previous letters. Esther and I are going to do our best not to stay here over the summer. In any event, it would be preferable to discuss your plans in terms of a beginning date here not earlier than next September. If you could arrange comfortably to start next January it might be better yet, but we can discuss this extremity at Cincinnati.

We've lately run into a remarkable lead on fertility in K-12. There is a genetic factor "F+" required in at least one parent for crossability. This factor seems to be transmitted extra-cellularly with high efficiency. Only a few stocks in ordinary use have been F-, but we are finding ways of inducing the loss of F+. More at Cinn.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

